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# 2024 Interim Report

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The Board would like to present the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2024 ("Reporting Period") together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2023 as follows:

#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		For the six month	s ended 30 June
		2024	2023
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	2	13,882	12,591
Cost of sales		(11,285)	(9,378)
Grass profit		2,597	3,213
Gross profit	4		·
Other income and gains	4	(2.724)	134
Administrative expenses	_	(2,734)	(3,082)
Finance costs	5	<del>-</del>	(2)
Impairment loss on other receivables		(29)	
(Loss)/profit before income tax	5	(158)	263
Income tax	6	(324)	(301)
Loss and total comprehensive income attributable to own	ers	(402)	(20)
of the Company		(482)	(38)
Loss per Share (HK cents)			
Basic and diluted	7	(0.4)	(0.1)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	2,506	2,511
Right-of-use assets	•	5	34
Equity investment at fair value through other			
comprehensive income		77	77
Prepayment		2,500	2,500
Total non-current assets		5,088	5,122
<u>Current assets</u>		= =00	400
Inventories	40	5,580	198
Trade receivables	10	6,022	2,728
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets Cash and bank balances		1,791	832
Cash and bank balances		10,536	18,166
Total current assets		23,929	21,924
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	11	3,899	1,921
Other payables and accruals		3,586	3,205
Lease liabilities		5	35
Tax payables		781	457
Total current liabilities		8,271	5,618
Net current assets		15,658	16,306
Total assets less current liabilities		20,746	21,428
Net assets		20,746	21,428
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Equity	40	0.400	0.400
Share capital	12	9,109	9,109
Reserves		11,637	12,319
Total equity		20,746	21,428

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	Share capital  HK\$'000	Share premium* <i>HK\$'000</i>	Working capital loan*  HK\$'000	Fair value reserve* HK\$'000	Accumulated losses*  HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
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1 January 2024 (audited)	9,109	15,917	200	(880)	(2,918)	21,428
Loss for the period	_	_	_	_	(482)	(482)
Comprehensive income for the period	_	_	_	_	(482)	(482)
Settlement of working capital loan	_	_	(200)	_	-	(200)
30 June 2024 (unaudited)	9,109	15,917	_	(880)	(3,400)	20,746
1 January 2023 (audited)	2,277	4,777	200	(790)	(1,275)	5,189
Loss for the period	_	_	_	_	(38)	(38)
Comprehensive income for the period	_	_	_	_	(38)	(38)
30 June 2023 (unaudited)	2,277	4,777	200	(790)	(1,313)	5,151

<sup>\*</sup> The total of these accounts represents "Reserves" in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	For the six months ended 30 Ju		
	2024	2023	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(7,409)	(843)	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest income received	10		
Net cash flows from investing activities	10		
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Settlement of working capital loan	(200)	-	
Capital element of lease rentals paid	(31)	(65)	
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(231)	(65)	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(7,630)	(908)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	18,166	4,960	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	10,536	4,052	
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and bank balances	10,536	4,052	

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM RESULTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results have been prepared (i) in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"); (ii) on the historical cost convention except for equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income, which has been measured at fair value, and (iii) in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, except for the adoption of the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA that are relevant to its operations and effective for its accounting period beginning on 1 January 2024. These applications had no material impact on the Group's financial performance and position for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these unaudited condensed consolidated interim results.

# 2. REVENUE

	For the six months ended 30 Ju		
HK\$'000	2024	2023	
Revenue from contracts with customers			
Sale of household products	9,792	4,351	
Sale of plantation products	1,422	2,410	
Sale of accessory products	2,668	5,830	
	13,882	12,591	
	For the six months	ended 30 June	
HK\$'000	2024	2023	
Sales of household and plantation products and accessory items			
Timing of revenue recognition			
Goods transferred at a point of time	13,882	12,591	
	13.882	12.591	

# 3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

During the Reporting Period, the Group is principally engaged in the Household Business, the Plantation Business and the Accessory Business. The Group's financial services business has been inactive for the past years. The management of the Company monitors the results of the Group's operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resources allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment results, which is a measure of adjusted profit or loss before tax. The adjusted profit or loss before tax is measured consistently with the Group's profit or loss before tax except that interest income, unallocated finance costs, as well as corporate expenses are excluded from such measurement. Segment assets exclude unallocated head office and corporate assets as these assets are managed on a group basis. Segment liabilities exclude unallocated head office and corporate liabilities as these liabilities are managed on a group basis.

For the six months ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

	Household	Plantation	Accessory	
HK\$'000	Business	Business	Business	Total
Reportable segment revenue	9,422	1,422	2,538	13,882
Reportable segment profit	1,730	41	129	1,900
Unallocated corporate expenses				(2,058)
Loss before tax				(158)
Income tax expenses			_	(191)
Loss for the period			_	(349)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023 (unaudited)

HK\$'000	Household Business	Plantation Business	Accessory Business	Total
Reportable segment revenue	4,351	2,410	5,830	12,591
Reportable segment profit	340	57	1,281	1,678
Unallocated corporate expenses				(1,415)
Profit before tax				263
Income tax expenses			_	(301)
Loss for the period				(38)

# Segment assets and liabilities

As at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

HK\$'000	Household Business	Plantation Business	Accessory Business	Total
Segment assets Unallocated assets Total assets	12,350	4,461	3,281	20,092 8,925 29,017
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities Total liabilities	2,826	1,866	2,417	7,109 1,162 8,271

As at 31 December 2023 (audited)

HK\$'000	Household Business	Plantation Business	Accessory Business	Total
Segment assets Unallocated assets	3,892	4,539	5,355	13,786 13,260
Total assets				27,046
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	37	2,197	675	2,909 2,709
Total liabilities				5,618

# **Geographical Information**

*Revenue from external customers* 

	For the six months ended 30 June		
HK\$'000	2024	2023	
Hong Kong	4,090	2,410	
The People's Republic of China	7,497	8,847	
United States	2,295	1,334	
	13,882	12,591	

The classification of revenue is based on the location of the customers' operations.

#### 4. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

For the six months ended 30 June HK\$'000 2024 2023 Rental income 100 Exchange (loss)/gain, net (2) 30 Bank interest income 2 10 Others 2 8 134

# 5. (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSES

(Loss)/profit before income tax expenses is arrived at after charging:

	For the six months ended 30 Jun		
HK\$'000	2024	2023	
Finance costs:			
Interest on lease liabilities	-	2	
Staff costs (excluding Directors' emoluments):			
Wages and salaries	886	598	
Retirement scheme contributions	22	13	
	908	611	
Other items:			
Auditor's remuneration	550	590	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	6	88	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	29	52	

# 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at the rate of 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong. The Enterprise Income Tax of The People's Republic of China is calculated at a rate of 25%. No provision for deferred taxation is deemed necessary as the Group does not have any material deductible or taxable temporary differences for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023.

# 7. LOSS PER SHARE

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the		
purpose of basic loss per share (HK\$'000)	(482)	(38)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period,		
used in the basic loss per share calculation ('000)	113,869	28,467

#### 8. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend payment of interim dividend for the Reporting Period (2023: Nil).

# 9. MOVEMENTS OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

There was no addition to the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the Reporting Period (2023: HK\$Nil).

#### 10. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
HK\$'000	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Trade receivables	6,177	2,883
Less: Impairment	(155)	(155)
	6,022	2,728

Impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date using a provision matrix to measure expected credit losses. The provision rates are based on days past due for groupings of various customer segments with similar loss patterns. The calculation reflects the probability-weighted outcome, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. The movements in impairment allowances during the Reporting Period are as follows:

	HK\$'000
As at 1 January 2024 (audited)	155
Provision for impairment	-
Written off	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2024 (unaudited)	155

An ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on the invoice dates and net of impairment allowances is as follows:

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
HK\$'000	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within 1 month	2,180	896
More than 1 month but within 2 months	1,363	361
More than 2 months but within 3 months	1,359	577
More than 3 months but within 6 months	983	458
More than 6 months but within 1 year	137	436
	6,022	2,728

The trade receivables are non-interest bearing and the credit period is generally 60–90 days.

#### 11. TRADE PAYABLES

The ageing analysis of the trade payables based on invoice dates is as follows:

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
HK\$'000	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within 1 month	661	176
More than 1 month but within 2 months	1,033	334
More than 2 months but within 3 months	183	554
More than 3 months but within 6 months	1,512	452
More than 6 months but within 1 year	510	405
	3,899	1,921

#### 12. SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised		Issued and fully paid	
	Number of Shares Amount HK\$'000			Amount <i>HK\$'000</i>
Ordinary Share of HK\$0.08 each on 1 January and 30 June 2024	2,500,000,000	200,000	113,868,640	9,109

#### 13. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

The management has assessed that the fair value of the cash and bank balances, trade receivables and financial assets included in prepayments, other receivables and other assets, trade payables, other borrowing and financial liabilities included in other loan, other payables and accruals, approximate to their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. The fair values of the financial assets are stated at the amount at which the instruments could be exchanged in current transactions between willing parties (other than in a forced or liquidation sale).

The following table provides an analysis of the financial instrument which was measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period for recurring measurement and grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable in accordance to the Group's accounting policies.

	Fa	air value	Fair value	Valuation technique
	30 June 2024	31 December 2023	hierarchy	and key input
HK\$'000	(Unaudited)	(Audited)		
Equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	77	77	Level 3	Market Approach

There was no transfer among the different levels of the fair value hierarchy for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and the year ended 31 December 2023. The Directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in this unaudited condensed consolidated interim results approximate their fair value.

#### 14. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

Save as disclosed in this interim report, as at the date of this report, the Group does not have any material event after the Reporting Period.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW

The Group is principally engaged in the Household Business, Plantation Business and Accessory Business. Despite its financial services business having become inactive in the past couple of years, the Group has been continuously making efforts to explore opportunities to reactivate this business segment, especially in view of the government's initiative to strengthen Hong Kong's competitiveness as an international financial centre. In addition, the Group will continue to focus on the development of its principal businesses and pursue appropriate business opportunities to expand into those businesses which would have synergy with its principal businesses.

The Group's revenue for the Reporting Period increased by 10.3% to HK\$13.9 million (2023: HK\$12.6 million) while its gross profit and gross profit margin decreased to HK\$2.6 million (2023: HK\$3.2 million) and 18.7% (2023: 25.5%) respectively. The Group recorded a consolidated loss attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$0.5 million (2023: HK\$0.04 million) and the basic and diluted loss per share of the Company attributable to its owners was HK0.4 cents (2023: HK0.1 cents).

Since almost all of the transactions of the Group and its recognised financial assets and liabilities are denominated either in Hong Kong dollars, United States dollars or Renminbi and the exchange rates of these currencies have been quite stable, the Group considers its foreign currency risk not material and does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the Group will continuously monitor its foreign exchange exposure and apply appropriate measures if necessary. The Group's businesses are also subject to certain risks including price fluctuations and competition of its product offerings.

# FINANCIAL RESOURCES, BORROWINGS AND LIQUIDITY

During the Reporting Period, the Group's net cash outflow from operating activities amounted to HK\$7.4 million (2023: HK\$0.8 million) and its net cash outflow from financing activities was HK\$0.2 million (2023: HK\$0.1 million), as a result, the Group recorded a net cash outflow of HK\$7.6 million during the period (2023: HK\$0.9 million).

As at 30 June 2024, the Group had total assets of HK\$29.0 million (31 December 2023: HK\$27.0 million) and total liabilities of HK\$8.3 million (31 December 2023: HK\$5.6 million), resulting in net assets and net assets per share of HK\$20.7 million (31 December 2023: HK\$21.4 million) and HK\$0.18 (31 December 2023: HK\$0.19) respectively. The Group's current assets as at 30 June 2024 amounted to HK\$23.9 million (31 December 2023: HK\$21.9 million), of which HK\$10.5 million (31 December 2023: HK\$18.2 million) was cash and bank balances, and its current liabilities amounted to HK\$8.3 million (31 December 2023: HK\$5.6 million).

# **PROSPECTS**

Looking ahead, the outlook for the global economy is still uncertain and the challenges arising from the continuing Sino-United States conflict, the war in Ukraine, high interest rates and the recession concerns will continue to adversely impact on the business activities worldwide including the Group's business operation. The Company's experience in past years has shown that prompt response to changes in the business landscape and prudent financial and liquidity management are key factors in withstanding major disruptions and uncertainties. The Group will proactively respond to the evolving market dynamics by taking on appropriate business opportunities. Given the Group's improved profitability and financial position following completion of the scheme of arrangement and the rights issue in 2023, the Company is confident that it is in a good position to strengthen its business foundation for delivering solid performance in the years to come.

# CAPITAL COMMITMENT, CHARGE OF ASSETS, SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS AND MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

Save as disclosed, there was no significant capital commitment of the Group outstanding and no material asset of the Group having been pledged as at 30 June 2024 and the Group has no significant investment and material acquisition/disposal during the Reporting Period.

#### **FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**

The Company did not conduct any equity fund-raising activities during the Reporting Period. The net proceeds raised from the rights issue in 2023 amounted to HK\$18 million and is intended to apply as to (i) HK\$7.5 million for repayment/fulfilment of advance from customers; (ii) HK\$5 million for acquisition of operating assets; and (iii) the remaining balance for working capital of business operations and general corporate and administrative expenses. During 2023, HK\$7.5 million and HK\$1 million has been utilised for repayment/fulfilment of advance and general corporate and administrative expenses. During the Reporting Period, the Company has utilised HK\$4.5 million for working capital of business operations and general corporate and administrative expenses. The Company intends to, in line with the intended use, apply the unutilised balance of the proceeds of HK\$5 million for acquisition of operating assets by the end of 2024. In view of the above-mentioned challenges faced by the Group, it will continue to monitor the external circumstances and its internal financial position and may apply the unused proceeds more appropriate to its funding needs, e.g. expanding the intended use for operating assets (property, plant & equipment) to include other operating assets in its ordinary course of business. The Company will keep its shareholders informed.

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 30 June 2024, the Group did not have any material outstanding contingent liabilities.

# **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

Details are disclosed in note 14 to this interim report.

# **EMPLOYEES' INFORMATION AND BENEFIT SCHEMES FOR THE EMPLOYEES**

As at 30 June 2024, the Group had 15 (31 December 2023: 15) employees. The Group remunerates its employees based on their performance, working experience and the prevailing market condition.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES AND INTERESTS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2024, based on 113,868,640 shares in issue, (i) the interest and short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) that were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or were recorded pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or were otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules; and (ii) so far as is known to the Directors, the persons (other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company) who had interests or short position in

the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would be required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which would be required to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO, who is interested in 5% or more of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote at general meetings of the Company were as follows:

	Capacity of		Number of	Percentage of
Name	interests	Number of Shares	underlying Shares	shareholding
Mr. Jin Guangwu	Personal	33,905,456	_	29.8%
Rising Sun Investment Limited	Corporate	11,318,396	_	9.9%

At no time during the period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors or the chief executive of the Company or any of their respective associates (including spouses or children under eighteen years of age) to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

#### **SHARE SCHEMES**

The Company has adopted two share schemes pursuant to resolutions passed by the shareholders of the Company on 30 June 2023, namely the share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") and the share award scheme (the "Share Award Scheme"), which are in compliance with the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules effective from 1 January 2023. No share option or share award were granted during the Reporting Period (31 December 2023: Nil) and the Company did not have any share option or share award outstanding as at 30 June 2024 (31 December 2023: Nil). The total number of share options and share awards available for grant under the scheme mandate as at 30 June 2024 was 2,846,716 (31 December 2023: 2,846,716), of which 284,671 (31 December 2023: 284,671) share options and share awards were available for grant to service providers of the Company. The principal terms of the Share Option Scheme and the Share Award Scheme are summarised as follow:

# **Share Option Scheme**

- (a) Purpose of the Share Option Scheme
  - The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to recognise the past contribution of the eligible participants and to provide incentives to them for their future contribution to the Group.
- (b) Participants of the Share Option Scheme and the basis of determining their eligibility The eligible participants of the Share Option Scheme include (i) directors and employees of the Group and its related entities and (ii) service providers of the Group. Their eligibility shall be determined by the Board from time to time based on the Board's opinion as to the eligible participants' contributions to the development and growth of the Group.
- (c) Exercise price
  - The exercise price in respect of any share option shall be at the discretion of the Directors, and shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of the shares of the Company on the date on which the share option is offered; (ii) the average closing price of the shares of the Company for the 5 business days immediately preceding the date on which the share option is offered; and (iii) the nominal value of the shares of the Company.
- (d) Grant price of options and acceptance of an offer The eligible participants shall pay HK\$1 to the Company as consideration for the grant of the share option within 30 days upon their acceptance.

(e) Maximum number of Shares available for issue

As at 30 June 2024, (i) the total number of shares of the Company which may be allotted and issued upon exercise of all share options under the Share Option Scheme and any other share scheme of the Company shall not in aggregate exceed 2,846,716 shares, representing 10% of the 28,467,160 shares in issue as at the adoption date on 30 June 2023 and 2.5% of the 113,868,640 shares in issue as at the date of this announcement; (ii) the total number of shares of the Company which may be allotted and issued to its service providers upon exercise of all share options under the Share Option Scheme and any other share scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 284,671 shares, representing 1% of the 28,467,160 shares in issue as at their adoption date on 30 June 2023 and 0.2% of the 113,868,640 shares in issue as at the date of this announcement.

- (f) Maximum entitlement of each eligible participant
  - Unless approved by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting in the manner prescribed in the GEM Listing Rules, the Board shall not grant share options to any eligible participant if the acceptance of such share options would result in the total number of shares issued and to be issued to such eligible participant upon on exercise of his/her options during any 12-month period exceeding 1% of the total shares of the Company then in issue.
- (g) Term of subscription of shares upon exercise of the share options

  Share options may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme at any time during a period as the Board may determine which shall not exceed ten years from the date of grant subject to the provisions of early termination thereof.
- (h) Minimum period for which a share option must be held before it can be exercised

  The Board may in its absolute discretion set a minimum period for which the share option must be held before the share option can be exercised, subject to a minimum period of 12 months.
- (i) Remaining *life of the Share Option Scheme*The Share Option Scheme has a remaining term of nine years, expiring on 30 June 2033 (subject to the early termination provisions contained in the Share Option Scheme).

# **Share Award Scheme**

- (a) Purpose of the Share Award Scheme
  - The purpose of the Share Award Scheme is to recognise the past contribution of the eligible participants and to provide incentives to them for their future contribution to the Group.
- (b) Participants of the Share Award Scheme and the basis of determining the eligibility of the participants

  The eligible participants of the Share Award Scheme include (i) directors and employees of the Group and its related entities and (ii) service providers of the Group. Their eligibility shall be determined by the Board from time to time on the basis of the Board's opinion as to the eligible participant's contribution to the development and growth of the Group.
- (c) Maximum number of shares available for grant
- As at 30 June 2024, (i) the total number of shares of the Company which may be allotted and issued upon grant of share awards under the Share Award Scheme and any other share scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 2,846,716 shares, representing 10% of the 28,467,160 shares in issue as at the adoption date on 30 June 2023 and 2.5% of the 113,868,640 shares in issue as at the date of this announcement; (ii) the total number of shares of the Company which may be allotted and issued to its

service providers upon grant of share awards under the Share Award Scheme and any other share scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 284,671 shares, representing 1% of the 28,467,160 shares in issue as at their adoption date on 30 June 2023 and 0.2% of the 113,868,640 shares in issue as at the date of this announcement.

- (d) Maximum entitlement of each participant
  - Unless approved by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting in the manner prescribed in the GEM Listing Rules, the Board shall not grant share awards to any eligible participant if the acceptance of those share awards would result in the total number of shares issued and to be issued to such eligible participant during any 12-month period exceeding 1% of the total shares of the Company then in issue.
- (e) Vesting period under Share Award Scheme
  - The vesting period of a share award granted under the Share Award Scheme shall be determined by the Board subject to a minimum period of 12 months, or a shorter vesting period at the discretion of the Board under certain circumstances in relation to the grant of an offer to the director or employee of the Group.
- (f) Remaining life of the Share Award Scheme

  The Share Award Scheme has a remaining term of nine years, expiring on 30 June 2033 (subject to the early termination provisions contained in the Share Award Scheme).

# **DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN CONTRACTS**

No contract, commitment or agreement of significance in relation to the Company's business, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which any of the Directors had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, subsisted as at 30 June 2024 or during the six months ended 30 June 2024.

# **INTERIM DIVIDENDS**

The Board does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the Reporting Period (2023: Nil).

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the Reporting Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities.

# **COMPETING INTERESTS**

None of the directors or substantial shareholders of the Company or any of their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) engaged in any business that competes or may compete with the businesses of the Group or have other conflict of interests with the Group for the Reporting Period.

#### **SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Company has adopted the required standards of dealings under the GEM Listing Rules as its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Each of the Directors has confirmed that he/she had complied with the required standards during the Reporting Period.

#### **CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

During the Reporting Period, the office of the chief executive was vacated. The Company will make appointment to fill the post as appropriate should a candidate with suitable knowledge, skill and experience be identified. Save as the above, in the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Code set out in Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

As at the date of this interim report, the audit committee of the Board comprises three members, all being independent non-executive Directors. The chairperson of the audit committee is Ms. Pang King Sze, Rufina and the other members are Mr. Hong Bingxian and Mr. Huang Zhe. The audit committee's primary duties include ensuring that the Group's financial statements, annual and interim reports/results announcements, and the independent auditor's report present a true and balanced assessment of the Group's financial position; reviewing the Group's financial control, internal control and risk management systems; and reviewing the Group's financial and accounting policies and practices. The audit committee is provided with sufficient resources to enable it to discharge its duties.

The audit committee has reviewed this unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Group for the Reporting Period and was of the opinion that the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results is complied with applicable accounting standards, the GEM Listing Rules and that adequate disclosures had been made.

By order of the Board **Leung Ka Ho** *Company Secretary* 

Hong Kong, 27 August 2024